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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

L In the specification, page 1, lines 5-7 have been changed to read:

C! This application is a continuation of 09/160,916, filed September 25, 1998, which is a continuation of 08/921,481, filed September 2, 1997, now patent No. 5,827,015, and a continuation of 08/675,572, filed July 3, 1996, now abandoned, and a continuation of 08/469,795, filed on June 6, 1995, now patent No. 5,589,124, and a continuation of 08/157,830, filed November 24, 1993, now abandoned which is a division of 07/651,322, filed February 6, 1991, now patent No. 5,294,216, which is a division of 08/534,831, filed September 27, 1995, now patent No. 5,690,853, and a continuation-in-part of 07/413,400, filed on September 27, 1989, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of 07/413,050, filed on September 27, 1989, now abandoned.

L The prior art cited in Applicant(s) prior application has been considered.

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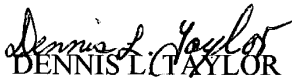
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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. However, the claims are considered by the examiner to patentably define over such art, but their specific relevance to patentability of any claim has not been discussed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Taylor whose **telephone number is (703) 308-1013**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis, can be reached on (703) 308-3248. The **fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7687**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.


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